

**Continuing Education Requirements**  
**(Excerpted from Business and Professions Code Section 3635)**

60 hours of approved continuing education biennially, after the first license renewal, consisting of:

1. At least 20 hours in **pharmacotherapeutics**. **Pharmacotherapeutics** is defined as:
  - a) The study of the therapeutic uses and effects of drugs (Merriam-Webster).
  - b) The study in the use of drugs in the treatment of disease (Britannica Online).
2. No more than 15 hours may be in naturopathic medical journals or osteopathic or allopathic medical journals, or audio or videotaped presentations, slides, programmed instruction, or computer-assisted instruction or preceptorships.
3. No more than 20 hours may be in any single topic.
4. No more than 15 hours of the continuing education requirements for the specialty certificate in naturopathic childbirth attendance shall apply to the 60 hours of continuing education requirement.

The continuing education requirements may be met through continuing education courses approved by:

- a) The California Naturopathic Doctors Association
- b) The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- c) The Medical Board of California
- d) The California State Board of Pharmacy
- e) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- f) Other courses approved by the bureau.\*

- \* The Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine is currently working on regulations which will allow the Bureau to approve continuing education courses. Until those regulations are in place, the Bureau is unable to approve any courses.